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Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade - June

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Report Highlights:

Myanmar exported 97,785 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in June 2014, down 42 percent from last month following a sharp decline in shipments to India and Indonesia. Domestic prices for all pulses fluctuated in June, but closed at higher levels than those in May.

General Information:

Trade:

Myanmar's bean and pulse exports are composed of two types of trade, official non-border exports, primarily through sea transportation, and unofficial exports, which travel through land borders (mainly to India and China).

Official exports of beans and pulses totaled 68,893 metric tons (MT) in June, down 59 percent from the previous month due to weak demand for Matpe and Toor Whole beans from India.

Matpe (black gram) accounted for 57 percent of total official exports in June, followed by Toor Whole at 17 percent and Mung Bean at 11 percent. By country, India accounted for 60 percent of total official exports, followed by Singapore at 15 percent and Japan at 4 percent respectively. It should be noted that 258 MT of pulses were shipped to the United States. (Table 1).

Unofficial exports through land borders via India and China increased by 19 percent in June to 28,892 MT from 24,242 MT in May.

Market Situation

Domestic prices at the Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange Center in Yangon (largest trading center in Yangon) fluctuated in June following uncertain demand from India and China. However, average domestic wholesale prices in June for Matpe, Toor Whole and Mung beans increased by 5 percent, 7 percent, and 2 percent respectively.

Table 1 - Official Export of Beans and Pulse by Types and Destination in June 2014 (MT)

No	Designation	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole (Pigeon Beans)	Others	Total
1	AUSTRALIA		37	6			43
2	BRAZIL			72			72
3	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM		48				48
4	BULGARIA					240	240
5	CANADA		20	18	3	22	63
6	CHINA	967	63	171		209	1,410
7	EGYPT					144	144
8	HONG KONG			50			50
9	INDIA		29,844	1,067	9,078	1,227	41,216
10	INDONESIA			543		655	1,198
11	JAPAN	1,923	371	83		225	2,602
12	KOREA			50	24	578	652
13	KUWAIT			10		124	134
14	MALAYSIA		962	511	37	89	1,599
15	MAURITIUS			25		24	49
16	MEXICO			100			100
17	NETHERLANDS	50	24	110			184
18	NEW ZEALAND		4	9	6	5	24
19	PAKISTAN		816			264	1,080
20	PHILIPPINES			73		25	98
21	PORTUGAL	125				23	148
22	QATAR			4		19	23
23	SAUDI ARABIA		24			48	72
24	SINGAPORE	341	3,621	3,212	2,015	1,425	10,614
25	SWITZERLAND			50			50
26	THAILAND		1,103	18	122	175	1,418
27	UKRAINE					24	24
28	UAE		973		25	72	1,070
29	UKRAINE		24	18		94	136
30	USA	80	73	36	24	45	258
31	VENEZUELA,					240	240
32	VIET NAM		1,461	1,000	240	1,091	3,792
33	YEMEN					42	42
	TOTAL	3,486	39,468	7,236	11,574	7,129	68,893

Source: Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

Other categories include kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, chick pea, brown beans and various beans.

Table 2 Monthly Exports of Beans and Pulses from 2012-2014 (MT)

Month	2012	2013	2014		
	Non-border	Non-border	Non-border	Border	Total
January	92,621	105,240	75,197	8,942	84,139
February	141,008	107,369	90,314	13,382	103,696
March	158,944	124,895	170,803	25,957	196,760
April	98,910	84,278	88,852	9,706	98,558
May	209,040	85,802	142,999	24,242	167,241
June	155,490	82,257	68,893	28,892	97,785
July	267,010	90,434			
August	71,098	83,030			
September	79,215	71,274			
October	110,498	125,893			
November	80,369	70,074			
December	122,068	91,589			
Total	1,586,271	1,122,135	637,058	111,121	748,179

Source: Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

Note: exchange rate in June, US\$ 1.0 = 969 Kyat

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